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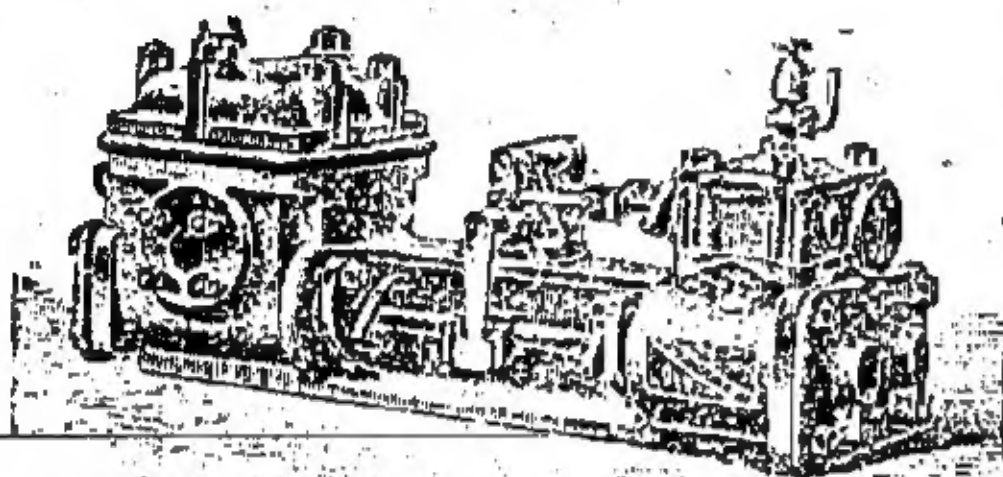
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All Sorts of COPPER, BRASS, STEEL,  
IRON WARE, &c.,  
Suitable for  
SHIPS, ENGINEERS AND HOUSE BUILDERS.  
Hongkong, May 29, 1900. 12-27

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FOR SALE, as a going concern, the  
ANY HOTEL, Well Furnished  
throughout.  
Apply by Letter to "HOTEL,"  
1574, "Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.

WOOD'S VICTORIAN COCHRAN  
TABLE BUTTER.  
(The "Victorian Brand").  
To be had of all Retail Dealers.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT.  
Agent for:  
China, Japan and the Philippine Islands,  
Hongkong, May 28, 1900. 15-17

TRUTHS WITHOUT SENTIMENT.  
A PAMPHLET, by O. M. ANDER,  
1808, will be sent by the Writer on  
Receipt of 3d. Address 109, Praya  
East, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, June 18, 1900. 13-27

NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 319.

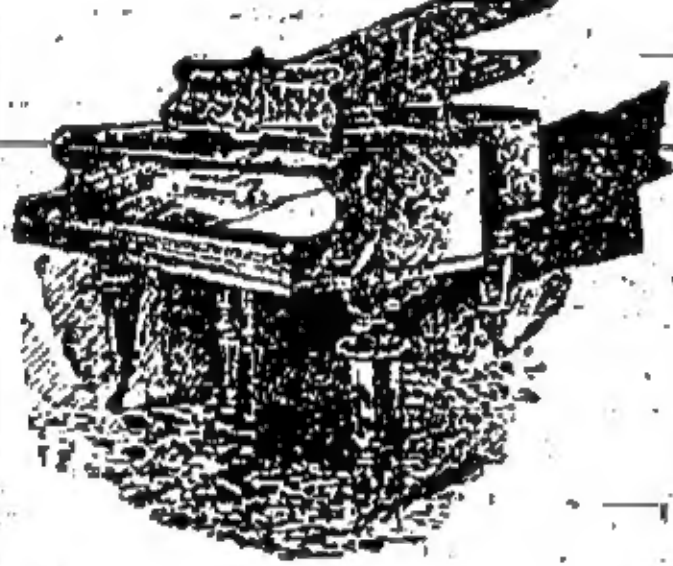
CHINA SEA.  
SWATOW DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that Captain  
D. MACKENZIE, of the s.s. "Kreelin",  
reports that his ship struck bottom at  
4:40 a.m. on the 4th instant, with East  
Point, Nanon Island, bearing North true,  
and Three Chimney Bluff Point bearing  
S. 70° W. true, the "Kreelin" drawing at  
the time, at the point of contact, the  
bilge keel about 14 feet. In the above  
position British Admiralty Chart, No.  
1097, small corrections to January, 1893,  
and 14 fathoms of water.  
By Order of the Inspector General of  
Customs,  
A. M. BEEBE,  
Coast Inspector.  
SUPERIOR MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
Shanghai, 15th June, 1900. 13-26

**EYE-SIGHT.**  
NOTICE.

I AM continuing my sight-testing Rooms  
at W. BREWER & Co.,  
which during my absence will be in charge  
of Mr. McIVER, Member Ph. Socy.  
A Register of all GLASSES supplied to  
my constituents in the Far East is kept  
here and any kind of ordinary or special  
lenses can be obtained.  
REPAIRS A SPECIALITY.  
N. LAZARUS.  
1188

## Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.



GRANDS OF HIGHEST CLASS,  
BECHSTEIN, FLEYEL,  
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HIRE AND TIME PAYMENT ACCEPTED.  
Magnificent Lot NEW HAAKE PIANOS,  
16 JUST ARRIVED.

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JUST ARRIVED  
FLOOR OIL CLOTHS AND LINOLEUMS  
(Best Quality),  
FLOOR MATS,  
RUBBER MATS, Etc.

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Prickly Heat Lotion.  
The only Effectual Remedy for Allaying  
Irritation. 17-23

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a  
MEETING of the Board of Direc-  
tors of the above Company, held at the Ho-  
norary Office of the Company, Queen's  
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on  
Tuesday the Twenty-Seventh day of March,  
1900, the following resolutions were  
passed:  
1. That in pursuance of the provisions  
of the Special Resolution passed at  
an Extraordinary General Meeting  
of the Company held on the 7th  
and confirmed on the 27th March  
instant, and since duly registered,  
the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn  
from the Reserve Fund and be  
carried as of the 2nd July next,  
to the Credit of Capital Account,  
each share being credited with a  
sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in  
addition to the sum of \$50 now  
standing to the credit of each share.  
That the balance of \$25 per share  
of the Unpaid Capital of the Com-  
pany be called up, and that a Call  
be and is hereby made of \$25 per  
share upon all the shares of the  
Company, and that the Share-  
holders be requested to pay the  
same to the Company's Bankers,  
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation, at their premises,  
Queen's Road Central, on or before  
the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.  
Shareholders are hereby requested to pay  
accordingly.  
And Notice is also given that, in accor-  
dance with Article 34 of the Company's  
Articles of Association, interest will be  
charged on from the said 2nd day of July  
1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per  
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid  
after the 31st day of July 1900 up to the  
actual dates of payment of the same.  
By Order of the Board,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 7-23

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 15, 1900. 15-23

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eleventh  
Ordinary Yearly MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-  
pany will be held at the Company's Office  
No. 4, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY,  
the 7th July, at 12.15 p.m., for the pur-  
pose of presenting the Report of the  
Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts to 30th April, 1900, and electing  
Directors and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED on the 2nd June  
to the 7th July, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 15, 1900. 15-23

**KWONG-SANG YUEN & CO.,**  
MAKERS OF  
**MANILA CIGARS.**  
ONLY the best Leaves, selected by our  
special Representative in the Philip-  
pines, are used in the Manufacture of these  
Cigars.  
Samples and Prices, post-free, on Appli-  
cation. Inspection cordially invited.  
Factory—No. 12, Station Street North,  
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(NEAR THE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE).

PACKING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,  
BOILER COMPOSITION,  
ENGINE AND OTHER OILS.



ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK.  
ALL ARTICLES OF FIRST-CLASS QUALITY.

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SOFT SHIRTS,  
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## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

**G. H. MUMM & CO.'S**  
EXTRA DRY  
**CHAMPAGNE,**  
Agents: SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
For Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan.

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**P. & O.**  
SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS OLD  
HIGHLAND WHISKY,  
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SPECIAL CREAM  
BREADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
These are the finest productions of Scotland,  
devoid absolutely of all deleterious matter.  
THE CREME DE LA CREME OF  
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Sole Importers,  
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ALWAYS ON HAND THE BEST MARKS FROM  
"LA INSULAR" AND "LA PERLA DE ORIENTE" FACTORIES.  
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## THE PHARMACY,

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ENGLISH and FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINES. Prescriptions carefully  
dispensed by a qualified CHEMIST. Special attention to FRENCH and Other  
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SOMERVILLE'S EXPORT AND GLENDOUR WHISKIES.  
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MANILA CIGARS.  
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A Delicate Grass Butter.  
CHOICEST DANISH  
IN 1 AND 2 LB. PATENT TINS.

THE CELEBRATED BEER OF  
JAPAN.  
QUARTS, \$2.99 per dozen.  
PINTS, \$1.75 do.

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WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION.  
FOR QUALITY, PURITY, EXCELLENCE.  
Pronounced by the HIGHEST MEDICAL  
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**WONDERFUL PURIFIER**  
OF THE HUMAN BLOOD.  
**WILKINSON'S**  
SARSAPARILLA  
The Most Reliable  
Remedy for  
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WEAK & LARGED  
FEELINGS.  
EVIDENCE OF SUPERIORITY.  
"We cannot speak too highly of it."—Barrill.  
"It is the most reliable for Rheumatism."  
"The only preparation for restoring health that I have added  
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overstate its value. It is a most reliable and safe remedy for  
all the ills of the human system."  
"Your person is like a piece of machinery. It needs a good  
oil. This is the best oil."  
"A good liver is the best of all other organs and this is the  
best oil for it."  
Sole by all Chemists and Storekeepers.  
WILKINSON'S  
SARSAPARILLA  
CLEANSES  
THE BLOOD OF ALL  
DANGEROUS  
HUMOURS.

**THE SUMMER HAS COME**  
AND SO HAVE  
**Watkins' Aerated Waters.**  
But the latter have come to stay.

OUR  
SODA, POTASH, TONIC, RASPBERRYADE,  
SARSAPARILLA, LEMON-SQUASH, SELTZER, LITHIA,  
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ZOEADONE, AND GINGER BEER  
are second to none. Our machinery being of the very newest  
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**Watkins Limited.**  
**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.**  
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\$4.50 per Cask of 375 lb. net ex Factory.  
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Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed  
Paving Bricks and Tiles, Fire Bricks and Fire Clay.  
**FACTORYS—HONGKONG AND MACAO.**  
FIRE CLAY WORKS.—DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG.  
For further particulars, apply to  
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HAVING secured the Services of a thoroughly practical Church Organ-  
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Re-Building, etc. Full particulars and estimates for New Organs  
by the Best English Firms.  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,**  
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## HONGKONG HOTEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL PROVIDED WITH EVERY COMFORT  
NEWLY-FURNISHED ROOMS.  
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NEW REFRIGERATING PLANT.  
BEST QUALITY LIQUORS & PROVISIONS.

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CHOLERA BELTS, CELLULAR UNDERWEAR,  
DRESS SHIRTS, TIES, &c., &c. 12-14

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For Cask of 10 Dozen Pints ... \$25.00.  
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The most popular light beer there is never any sediment  
in KUPPER'S BEER. It is always bright and sparkling.  
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Sole Agents.  
Telephone 75.  
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To purify and beautify the skin and prevent the formation of pimples, blotches, freckles, and other skin troubles, Cuticura Soap is the best remedy. It is a pure, white, and delicate soap, and is used by millions of people all over the world. It is the only soap that will not irritate the skin, and it will keep the skin soft and smooth.

For Hair and Scalp

Cuticura Soap is the best remedy for all hair and scalp troubles. It will keep the hair soft and smooth, and it will prevent the hair from falling out. It is the only soap that will not irritate the scalp, and it will keep the scalp cool and comfortable.

For Sanative Uses

Cuticura Soap is the best remedy for all skin troubles. It will keep the skin soft and smooth, and it will prevent the skin from becoming dry and cracked. It is the only soap that will not irritate the skin, and it will keep the skin healthy and beautiful.

INSTANT RELIEF

SPEEDY CURE

FOR EVERY HUMOUR

G. FALCONER &amp; Co.,

WATCH-MAKERS AND JEWELLERS,

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64, QUEEN'S ROAD

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AMERICAN SYSTEM.  
WONG HO-MI.  
SUNG DENTIST.TERMS MODERATE. Consultation Free.  
50, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, October 3, 1899. 2190DENTISTRY  
SUI SANG.  
Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA  
DENTISTNo. 4, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, January 1st 1893. 3AMERICAN SYSTEM  
OF  
DENTISTRY  
AT  
30, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
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Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 2536

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Surgeon Dentist.  
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Consultation Free.  
Hongkong, April 24, 1900. 628

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ICE HOUSE STREET, HONGKONGA First-Class Private  
Family Hotel.HANDSOMELY FURNISHED and  
Exceedingly Spacious Rooms.Very MODERATE TERMS for FAMILIES  
by the DAY, WEEK or MONTH.SINGLE ROOMS from \$1 a day, to  
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Hongkong, March 19, 1900. 2639KOWLOON HOTEL,  
BRITISH KOWLOON.THIS HOTEL is now under N.W.  
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Outside the best in the Colony.BOWLING ALLEY AND BILLIARDS  
J. WILLIAM OSBORNE  
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Hongkong, January 9, 1899. 85NEW VICTORIA HOTEL  
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Meals a la Carte.CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., at any  
time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11  
p.m.Monthly Bill at Moderate Rates.  
Madar & Farmer,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1899. 1788'The Maples.'  
No. 85, Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.AN Ideal health resort presenting the  
advantages of a first-class Hotel and  
Hydrotherapy. Turkish,  
Vapour and other Baths. Gymnasium,  
Billiards, Tennis, Pleasant Garden, Roof  
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Public Rooms and Sanitary Bedrooms.  
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MARTIN, CHICHESTER, SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND. 2207KANG LEE & Co.  
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SILK AND IVORY WARE, CHINESE  
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Etc., Etc.An exceptionally fine Stock of the latest  
Goods always on hand.  
A trial is respectfully solicited.  
36, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
(Formerly occupied by the Hongkong Club)  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900. 3THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY  
THERAPIONThe most successful and highly popular remedy  
employed in the Continental Hospitals by  
Doctors, Chemists, and others, and is  
the only remedy that is a scientific  
and a safe preparation for the treatment  
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## Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION  
No. 302.THE following Particulars and Conditions  
of SALE OF CROWN LAND by  
PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Office  
of the Public Works Department, on  
MONDAY, the 25th day of June, 1900, at 3  
p.m., are published for general information.  
By Command.F. H. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 9th June, 1900. 1305Particulars and Conditions of the Letting  
by Public Auction Sale, to be held on  
Monday, the 25th day of June, 1900,  
at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public  
Works Department, by Order  
of the Executive Officer Admin-  
istering the Government, of Seven  
Lots of Crown Land, at Yau Ma  
Tei, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hong-  
kong, for a term of 75 Years, with the  
option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be  
fixed by the Surveyor of Her  
Majesty the Queen, for one further  
term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

Lot No. 1. Locality. Boundary Measure. Annual Rent. Total Price.

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## Intimations.

SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THE BI-CENTENARY OF THE SOCIETY  
FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE  
GOSPEL (S.P.G.K.) will be commemorated  
on SUNDAY, June 24th. Special inter-  
cessions will be said. Collections will be  
made in aid of the Society's work.Sermons will be preached at 11 a.m. by  
the Bishop of Victoria, and at 5.45 p.m.,  
by the Chaplain of the Cathedral.A DRAWING ROOM MEETING will  
be held by kind permission of the Bishop  
of Victoria, and Mrs. Hoare, at Bishop's  
Lodge, the Park, on THURSDAY, June  
28th, at 4.30 p.m. All who are interested  
in the work of the Society are cordially  
invited.

Hongkong, June 22, 1900. 1393

## SANITARY BOARD

OWNERS OF HOUSES Situated in the  
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with Law, are reminded that the period  
during which this work should be finished  
ends on the 30th day of June, 1900, and  
the Sanitary Board being convinced of the  
necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to  
only prosecute any owner in default after  
the above-named date.By Order of the Board,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Acting Secretary.SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,  
1st May, 1900.NOTE.—The Western Division of the  
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Hongkong, June 5, 1900. 1284

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Hongkong, March 23, 1900. 629

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Hongkong, May 15, 1900. 1121

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No. 4, VICTORIA VIEW,  
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Agent.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1900. 1197THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A  
PIANO.The proceeds of this composite novel are  
to be given to the funds of the Incorporated  
Society of Musicians' Orphanage, and the  
twenty-five writers contains but one prac-  
tical story-teller (Mr. Frankfort Moore),  
so that all things considered it is not a case  
for criticism. The result is decidedly amu-  
sing. The plan of the editor, Mr. Algenon  
Rose, seems to have been to send each chap-  
ter when written to the next author on his  
list, who either branched off into side issues  
or else elaborated the story.The editor himself sets the ball rolling in  
'How I found myself,' in which the making  
of the concert grand is well described. Mr.  
Walter Macfarren then takes the auto-  
biography a step further and leaves it when  
the piano has been chosen for a recital at  
St. James's Hall. In a parenthesis, as it  
were, Mr. Macfarren gives us some words of  
advice on the choosing of a piano. 'Go to  
one of our great manufacturers whose work  
has stood not only the test of experience  
and criticism but the test of time, for the  
tones of the most powerful instruments,  
by such makers, will not need any great  
exertion to bring them out—they will  
rise and float in the air from the gentlest  
pressure—and you will be sure to get a  
piano which will wear well. With  
this guarantee of durability, and having  
selected a style of instrument of a size and  
shape which will best suit the room for  
which it is intended, let beauty of tone be  
the first desideratum in your choice, rather  
than a case to match your furniture, and  
select the most satisfying quality of tone,  
and most particularly in the middle re-  
gister. In a word, you must make up your  
mind as to what you want in the way of  
instrument, and a little as you need  
on external decoration. Lastly, choose  
that pianoforte the touch of which is best  
suited to your own finger; but do not,  
under any circumstances, take a heavy  
touch with the idea that it will wear  
lighter, or a defective repetition, in the  
belief that it will of itself become im-  
proved.'Mr. Leonard F. Bevan describes the  
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Daylight—Maiden's Mail leaves for Swatow.

**MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.**  
Auctions.  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei.  
3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Ma-Tau-Kok.

**General Memoranda.**  
TUESDAY, June 26—  
Goods per *Wahsai Maru* not cleared after this date subject to rent.  
WEDNESDAY, June 27—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Surplus Stores, &c., at Central Police Station.  
TUESDAY, June 28—  
Goods per *Vallarta* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.  
SATURDAY, July 1—  
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 4, Queen's Building.  
WEDNESDAY, July 4—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Furniture, at the Mount Richmond, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

**Optim Quotations.**  
HONGKONG, June 23, 1900.  
New Patna, cash, 1 15  
Old Patna, cash, 1 05  
New Benares, cash, 1 05  
Old Benares, cash, 1 05  
New Malwa, cash, 1 05  
Old Malwa, cash, 1 05  
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Allowance, credit, 12/6  
Old Malwa, credit, 12/6  
Foreign, Oily, cash, 1 05  
Allowance, credit, 12/6  
Peanut, Paper, tin long, 890/950  
Allowance, credit, 12/6

**Exchange.**  
HONGKONG, June 23, 1900.  
On London, 1/11 1/2  
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**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1900.

One of the subjects set down for discussion at the fourth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, which commences its sittings in London on the 28th of June, is that of commercial education throughout the Empire. The subject comes before the Congress in the form of a resolution by the Liverpool Chamber recommending the Government to encourage technical and scientific study by making grants-in-aid equal in amount to those bestowed on other science and art subjects, and that the Chambers of Commerce should be represented on the Boards of Education. This proposal of the Liverpool Chamber is evidence of a growing desire among our thinking commercial men to adopt measures to maintain the industrial and commercial supremacy of Great Britain, now seriously menaced by foreign competitors. How far these extraneous or artificial aids will be successful time alone can reveal, but we have the evidence of Germany, France and Japan to prove that the systematic training of the young in technical and commercial subjects has been productive of highly beneficial results. Education is not everything. Circumstances and character, environment and opportunity have their share in the material development of a people. But in Hongkong, to whom all questions bearing on commercial development are of first-class importance, know to some extent what education has done for Japan; and the Hongkong and Shanghai delegates to the Congress, Sir Thomas Jackson and Messrs T. H. Whitehead and E. F. Alford, could, if they liked, contribute largely to the knowledge of the other delegates in this regard.

The Educational Laws promulgated in Japan in 1872 provided for the organisation of commercial schools in the large centres throughout Japan, with a view to the diffusion of commercial education. The subjects taught embrace ethics, Japanese and Chinese literature, writing, arithmetic, algebra, book-keeping, commercial correspondence, commercial geography, drawing, commercial economy, commercial history, mercantile law, commercial practice, and the English language; and, according to local requirements, such subjects as banking, exchange, transportation, insurance, the law of companies, shipping law, the law of contracts, customs duties, statistics, physics, chemistry, natural history, geometry, mechanical engineering, and technology are added. Other foreign languages taught—and the Japanese are apt pupils—are French, German, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. At the end of 1893, there were in Japan 22 schools giving a commercial education, but since then other institutions have been opened in the growing commercial centres of this enterprising and progressive country. To show the interest taken in this subject in Japan we may mention that Mr Okura Kihichiro, who commenced life in humble circumstances but who is now one of the wealthiest merchants in Japan, is building a new commercial school in Tokio at a cost of 150,000, which sum has been vested in three trustees by this public-spirited native. Disappointment exists among the ultra-progressive educationists at the results hitherto achieved by these schools, but foreign observers acquainted with the backwardness of their own countries in regard to the facilities for acquiring a sound commercial training on a grand scale appreciate at its true value the progress Japan has made and is still making commercially and industrially.

As a nation Great Britain has probably lost to learn positively from France than any other country, if we except art. In 1838, Mr C. C. Perry, M.A., prepared an exhaustive report for presentation to the House of Commons on the recent progress of France in technical education. There had been a distinct change in French educational methods since 1838, and the reason, from Mr Perry's report, was the creation of commercial and industrial schools in France in the outcome of a desire to counteract the tremendous decline of apprenticeship in that country. With the decline of apprenticeship there has been a coincident falling off in technical skill. "If the history of the recent progress in French technical instruction has any lesson to teach," concludes Mr Perry, "it would appear to be that the time has arrived for us also to adopt a bolder and more consistent policy as regards industrial education, and by giving greater prominence to practical, special and scholastic as opposed to theoretical, scientific and supplemental requirements to render our system of technical instruction, so far as it is intended to meet foreign competition, an *efficient and successful professional*."

From Germany, on the other hand, our most formidable commercial competitor, we have, as a nation, much to learn. So long ago as 1836, the late Mr Matthew Arnold wrote, "In its completeness and carolousness the school system of Germany is such as to excite the foreigner's admiration." Since the distinguished philosopher and critic who wrote those words, we have witnessed a great change in the educational system of Germany in such a way as to excite the foreigner's admiration. Since the distinguished philosopher and critic who wrote those words, we have witnessed a great change in the educational system of Germany in such a way as to excite the foreigner's admiration.

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formation an opinion, namely, in the electrical trades and in the organic branches, as also in colour manufacture and in various applications of printing involving artistic and scientific skill. They advocate careful methods to meet this German competition, 'especially in such small subtleties as weights, measures, and packing,' and, 'above all, they say, 'We must endeavour to improve and to develop our higher industrial and secondary literary and technical machinery, and whilst adapting this machinery to our peculiar conditions we must see that it is maintained at least on a level with that of any other nation.'

Facts might be obtained from other sources to prove that radical reformation in our national system of technical education is required, and that the subject deserves the attention of the practical politician. If the proposition of the Liverpool Chamber is carried into effect it will help to remedy matters, but the whole question requires to be gone into very thoroughly and dealt with systematically and comprehensively. If capable representative business men were willing to give their assistance and could spare the time to serve on the Boards of Education as proposed by the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, we have no reason to believe that the necessary reformation could not be speedily accomplished. What Germany has done Great Britain can do, and as soon as the country is convinced that better technical instruction is a desideratum in our commercial and industrial life, no reasonable expenditure will be begrudged. It will be interesting to hear what the delegates to the Congress have to say on the subject.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
**Branch of Post Office Ordinance.**  
Sergeant Terry was fortunate in bringing to book, this morning, another of those individuals who take a living by acting the private postman. Han Hong Fa, tally-man, on board the steamer *Michael Jensen* of San Li, was, at the Magistrate's Court, fined \$10, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, for having attempted to take letters from Hongkong to Shanghai without their going through the proper channel, viz. the General Post Office. He had a big sum of money in his possession when caught and was able to pay his fine.

**The Coming Election.**  
In view of the belief that has been expressed that the General Election will take place in October, the following extract from a private letter from Rome will be of interest:—'I never thought the country could become so military in spirit. It must make the Liberal Party leaders sick, I fancy, to see how the masses of the population are with the Government. If there were an appeal to the country this year, Salisbury's Administration would be re-elected like a shot. "No terms without absolute surrender and forfeiture of independence" is the attitude towards the Boers. Every second man you meet has a relative or friend in South Africa, and the letters that are coming home convince the people better than newspaper articles or Parliamentary speeches that the state of affairs in the Boer Republics was unbearable and of the necessity for annexation absolute if our safety in South Africa is to be preserved.'

**Proposed Monopoly for Ashes Collection.**  
At the monthly meeting of the general Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, a letter having been received from the Government, under date 5th May, stating that a tender had been submitted for the sole privilege of collecting ashes from steam vessels within the harbour limits, and requesting the Chamber's opinion upon the desirability or otherwise of creating such a monopoly—a special meeting of Committee was held on the 16th May for consideration of the question, at which it was unanimously decided to reply that in their opinion it was undesirable to create such a monopoly, and on the 19th day a letter was addressed to the Government to that effect, setting out the reasons for such decision, and suggesting that instead, the boats now engaged in collecting ashes should be licensed. The Secretary said that no rejoinder had been received to this communication, but he had reason to believe that the Government were considering the Chamber's counter proposal.

**Death of Count Muraviev.**  
Reuter announces the sudden death of Count Muraviev, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, one of Russia's most distinguished diplomats. Count Muraviev belonged to one of the oldest and most influential families of the Russian aristocracy. His title, however, is of relatively modern origin, for it was conferred upon his grandfather, General Nicholas Muraviev, to whom Russia is indebted for the acquisition of the greater portion of its Siberian empire. When the Emperor Alexander III. made up his mind to cut himself from his association with Germany and with Austria, which preceded the organisation of the triple alliance as now constituted, he entrusted Count Muraviev with the not altogether pleasant duty of conveying to Berlin the news of his determination to reverse the foreign policy of Russia, and of his intention to throw his country's lot thenceforth with that of France.

**REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.**  
LONDON, 21st June.  
**THE WAR.**  
General Buller wiring from Sandpruit Station, on the 20th inst., says that his headquarters are two miles N.W. of the railway.  
An informal armistice for five days has been concluded with Commandant Botha, at the expiration of which Lord Roberts will take vigorous action.

**THE UNITED STATES.**  
The Republican Convention at Philadelphia has adopted a platform strongly approving of President McKinley's domestic and foreign policy and declaring a steadfast adherence to the gold standard.

**OBITUARY.**  
The death is announced of Count Muraviev Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Mr Gustav Simonsen, Consul for Germany at Peking, has been honoured by the Emperor with the decoration of the Red Eagle.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 22nd June showed that 8 fresh cases and 4 deaths occurred during the preceding 24 hours.

The Chinese Ministers in London and Washington have been ordered to retain their posts for some time longer on the recommendation of Li-Hung Chang, who pointed out the undesirability of changes while many matters requiring settlement remained outstanding.

**The Vinolia Company.**  
By this mail we have received from the Vinolia Company a fac-simile receipt from the Lord Mayor proving that no less a sum than £10,000 has been paid by the Vinolia Company to the Transvaal War Fund (for widows and orphans, wounded soldiers, &c.) out of the half-penny part of soap they set aside out of their profits for that good purpose. £10,000 equals nearly five million tablets of soap.

**A Foolish Seaman.**  
Walter Harris, seaman on board the British ship *Glenshaw*, found the attractions of the shore too much for him the other day. He was tried at the Harbour Office, this morning, on the complaint of Captain Burn, master of the ship, for disobeying his lawful commands and refusing duty. He went ashore without leave and, as a punishment, the Captain told him that he must forfeit two days' pay for this misconduct. Prisoner thereupon refused to do any more work on shipboard. He was ordered to be imprisoned for fourteen days, or until such time as the ship leaves the Port.

**Member for the Chamber of Commerce.**  
At the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on 21st June a letter was read from the Acting Colonial Secretary, dated 15th June, with reference to the appointment of Mr Tharburn as the Chamber's representative on the Council, and acknowledging receipt of Chamber's letter of the 18th inst., informing the Governor of the selection made, and stating that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint Mr Tharburn provisionally, and subject to Her Majesty's pleasure, to be an official member of the Legislative Council, during the absence on leave of the Hon. T. H. Walsdale. The Chairman (Hon. R. M. Gray) said they were pleased to welcome Mr Tharburn to that body as their representative on the Legislative Council (Applause).

**The Crisis and the Share Market.**  
Mr Erich Georg has the following in his weekly share report:—The characteristic feature of our market during the week under review has been *flat, stale and unprofitable*. The disquieting news from Peking had an adverse influence on our market, and the tendency has been an almost general desire to sell, which has caused a general weakness. However, as all Companies, more or less, are doing well, no particular anxiety need be felt, and I am sure that on better news arriving from Peking, the market will improve again. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats, in spite of an expected good report for the half year, have been on offer all round, owing to fears of the troubles in China spreading south, causing prices to recede to \$31 sellers, after sales at \$31 1/2 to \$31.

**REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.**  
LONDON, 21st June.  
**THE WAR.**  
General Buller wiring from Sandpruit Station, on the 20th inst., says that his headquarters are two miles N.W. of the railway.  
An informal armistice for five days has been concluded with Commandant Botha, at the expiration of which Lord Roberts will take vigorous action.

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**THE CRISIS IN CHINA.**

**TIENTSIN SETTLEMENTS WRECKED.**

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**TERRIBLE CASUALTIES.**

**RUSSIAN TROOPS HOLD RAILWAY STATION.**

**URGENT APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
SHANGHAI, June 22, 6.33 p.m.

Grave news has been received regarding the situation at Tientsin. Despite the representations of the Admirals of the Allied Fleet, that the men were landed from the warships to fight the Boxers and others opposing their march to Peking, there have been no signs of a cessation of hostilities.

For two days Chinese troops stationed on the walls of the native city have maintained an incessant bombardment of the settlement with forty-pounder guns and other ordnance. The foreign settlements are nearly all destroyed, and the casualties are reported to be terrible.

The Russian troops are holding the railway station and are very hard pressed. Urgent appeals have been despatched to the man-of-war for reinforcements.

The news received from the North is alarming. In the face of the impending assemblage of warships at Taku, that the Chinese would have ventured upon the bombardment of the settlements seems almost incredible. The *Chronicle* and *Directory* says, 'The foreigners live in the three concessions, British, French and German, which fringe the river below the city and cover an area of less than 500 acres. The Japanese are now (1900) taking up a concession in accordance with the terms of the Treaty of Shimonoseki. Very extensive building operations are going on throughout the concessions, which have excellent roads with police, oil, gas lamps, &c. &c. The British municipality has a handsome Town Hall, completed in 1889; adjoining there is a well kept public garden, opened in the year of Jubilee and styled Victoria Park. An excellent recreation ground of four acres is also being developed, and three miles distant there is a capital race-course.

There are two hotels (the Astor and the Globe), two clubs (Tientsin Club and Concordia), the latter chiefly German), a theatre, an excellent library, three churches (Roman Catholic, Anglican and Union), and no public houses. The American Consul has telegraphed his government that the Consulate has been destroyed. An inference may be drawn as to the strength of the Chinese investing the settlement from the report telegraphed that no less than twenty thousand foreign troops are required. The absence of news from Peking is causing much anxiety in London and also amongst the foreign communities in the Far East.

**A THREATENED RIOT AT WUHU.**  
(China Gazette's Correspondent.)  
WUHU, June 14, 1900.

Flarebombs were posted up last night throughout the city. The call for all the people to rise up and exterminate all the foreigners and burn their houses. We have always held that when the trouble which is going on now in North China broke out there would be misgivings in other parts of the country. The Yangtze valley has always been a hot bed for all kinds of bad characters, and one has the fear that the sign is not far distant when they will begin their old tricks. In looking around for aid what have we in Central China? It would take days for any kind of aid to come. Why should this valley be thus neglected by all the powers? No one can answer it. In fact, this whole eastern question has been one stupendous blunder upon another and it is liable to keep on thus to the end of the chapter. We hope our fears won't be realized, but this outlook is not at all pleasing. Will keep you posted if there is any serious trouble. (Since the foregoing was written we have received information that a Japanese firm has been attacked.—Ed. C. G.)

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**FOREIGN FLAGS FLYING AT PEKING.**

**EUROPEAN TROOPS IN POSSESSION OF THE CITY.**

**THE OCCUPATION OF THE 'TAKU FORTS.'**

**THE BOMBARDMENT OF TIENTSIN.**  
(Special Telegram to the 'China Mail'.)

SHANGHAI, June 22.

The nine gates of Peking are occupied by European troops, and foreign flags are flying over the city walls. The city is completely in the hands of the European troops.

Men landed from the foreign warships at Taku have taken possession of the forts and raised their national flags. The foreign settlements at Tientsin have been subjected to a constant bombardment by Chinese big guns, and nearly all the buildings, including the American consulate, have been destroyed.

There is much anxiety as to the condition of affairs at the capital. The gates occupied by the foreign troops are evidently those of the Tartar city in which is situated the Imperial Palace and the Legation Buildings. The Tartar City is composed of three squares, one within the other. There are also gates in the outermost wall. The innermost square contains the Palace, and is known by foreigners as the 'Prohibited City,' jealously guarded as it is from any possibility of external intrusion. The walls surrounding the Palace grounds, which enclose a space of about a square mile, are built of red brick and are encircled like those surrounding the Tartar city. The next enclosure which surrounds the 'Prohibited City' is the Imperial wall, which is built of brick, roofed with yellow varnished tiles, and is some 25 feet in height and about 6 inches thick. It is pierced with four gates. The walls within the Imperial city are wide and well kept, and afford a favourite ride to the foreign inhabitants, except during the rainy season, when they become like aliother roads in Peking, almost impassable. The houses in this portion of the city are chiefly occupied by military guards and various officials connected more or less with the Palace. This Legation are situated immediately outside the southern gate of this enclosure. The British Legation consists of a walled enclosure of about five acres in extent.

**LI HUNG CHANG.**  
THE VICEROY REMAINS AT CANTON.

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, June 23, 12.45 p.m.  
It is officially announced here that Viceroy Li Hung Chang is not to leave for the North, but is to remain at the Provincial capital.

**SCARCITY OF NEWS.**

There is much anxiety in the Colony owing to the scarcity of authentic news regarding the situation in the North. We are advised by telegram of a very grave state of affairs at Tientsin, but the information received is not very satisfactory. The telegraphic report regarding the capture of the Tartar city at Peking is, of course, from Chinese sources, but as we previously observed messages from a similar quarter have been aptly confirmed and cannot be ignored. From enquiries made we have ascertained that there is every possibility of information reaching Hongkong by land from Peking over the system of the Chinese Telegraphs Administration, whose local headquarters are at Weichowfu, on the East River, near Mira Bay. The Office of the Administration in the Colony is in the Cable Companies' premises. Our informant states that it is perfectly possible for the Imperial Government to be in daily communication with the different Provincial Viceroys. This may explain the source of some of the stories current in the Colony. A report has been received from Canton that numerous bad characters are coming in from the outlying districts, and it is assumed that this may account for the aged Viceroy's decision to remain at his post and exercise his influence in maintaining law and order. The U.S.S. *Don Juan de Austria*, which left Hongkong on 20th June, is anchored off the Shamone and it is freely said that if she had passed the Bogue Forts a few days later they would certainly have engaged her. The tension is great and may break at any moment. The Military authorities have not yet received any information of the arrival of the *Terrible* and *Hsia* with the troops at Taku, but it is so far up with coal to the feet and the *Hsia* is loading provisions for the fleet. The U.S.S. *Oregon* will sail for the North to-morrow.







